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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTINUOUS CASTING OF METALS

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 25, 2007

Sir:

The undersigned hereby petitions for an extension of time to respond to the Official Action of September 26, 2006 for

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Please charge the extension fee of \$120.00 to Deposit Account No. 25-0120. If this fee is insufficient, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional extension fee to Deposit Account No. 25-0120. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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